

Sometime it is the republican, some republican that has a party affiliation or some democrat that is registered that way that wants to become a petition candidate, so we are not talking about just the non-partisan who isn't has no party, we are talking about people that have party that also may wish to become petitioned candidates. On another item you told me to look into was on Senator Hasebroock's bill where the Lt. Governor would no longer preside over the Legislature in that section about when we start the session, and Senator Marsh has a bill to start it, I think it is the first Thursday after the first Tuesday, which would take it out of the New Year's Day, whether we can put this on Senator Hasebroock's bill and save the expense of a bill. I went over to that and in his opinion, he believes that with such a bill would have two subject matters in it and therefore may run into difficulty if it was ever taken to court. It is one of those things now, bear in mind that it could go either way, I mean that it might be alright, but it is so close a decision that I personally don't think that you should do it that way. Since it is a close decision and could be jeopardized Senator Hasebroock's bill, I think that if we are going to do this sort of thing, I think that we should have a separate constitutional amendment to have a change of the meeting date, the starting date of a session. Therefore, I would suggest that on that matter, we leave Senator Hasebroock's bill alone, pass it as it is, and the Constitutional Revision Committee has a bill assigned to us on the other matter even though that section is in Senator Hasebroock's bill, we had better do it separately, now is there any questions, I hope that I have briefly covered but this thing I will tell you, this whole thing on the first can get very very complicated, there is so much complication in it and it is quite indepth, I have just skipped over the essentials, I have given you the essentials, many things you can get a place which could or could not happend without legislation, we had better get on and pass some legislation and clear this matter up and plug this loophole that now exists in the state constitution.

PRESIDENT: Are there questions of Senator Syas? Senator Chambers do you have a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I wonder if Senator Syas would object to me making a comment or two before I ask him a question? Is that alright with the chair?

PRESIDENT: We are having a little discussion here, and the Chair doesn't see anything the matter with that, go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, in my comments will be right to the point. I think that what we need to do is not act with haste this time around and try and stop gap measures with bits of legislation, the constitutionality of which we are not assured of. The Attorney General, I don't think can assure us of how a suit would come out filed in federal district court, weighing Nebraska's constitution and it's statutory provisions against the requirements of the U.S. constitution where equal protection of the law and so forth are concerned. The situation that we are involved in where petition candidacies for Lt. Governor are concerned become complicated when they must run as a team. If a Governor candidate would happen to win, and say I would win and Lt. Governor Marsh would continue to serve voluntarily, that would be fine with me, but suppose that he close to resign and there was a vacancy in the office, then the Governor could appoint a Lt. Governor because that is a lesser office. However, if somebody decided to run for Lt. Governor on a petition and would happen to win, that individual would knock out the team of the democratic party and the team of the republican party, and there would be a Lt. Governor elected, but there could be no provision for selecting a Governor because the Lt. Governor can not appoint a Governor, there is no provision in the constitution or the statutes to deal with this situation, and since by petition,

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